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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, SW
SUBJ: POPPY PRODUCTION AND THE AID TO PAKISTAN MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 118723, (B) STATE 130189

1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTELS
WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY COUNSELOR GUNNAR WETTERBERG (MFA SPEC-
IALIST ON NARCOTICS MATTERS) AND KARL ERIK NORMAN WHO HEADS
THE SECTION ON BILATERAL AID TO ASIA. WETTERBERG AND NORMAN
STATE THAT SWEDEN SHARES THE US CONCERN REGARDING PAKISTAN'S
ROLE AS A PRODUCER OF ILLICIT OPIUM. THE GOS ALSO SHARES THE
US CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE COUNTERACTION BY THE
PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, SWEDEN DOUBTS BOTH THE PROPRIETY
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AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INCLUDING ANY MENTION OF THE NARCOTICS
PROBLEM IN OPENING STATEMENTS AT THE PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM
MEETING.

2. THE GOS HAS LONG HELD THAT NORMAL BILATERAL AID SHOULD
NOT BE TIED TO SPECIFIC ISSUES LIKE THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM.
WETTERBERG AND NORMAN STATED THAT THE MFA WILL CONTINUE TO

ADHERE TO THIS POLICY. SWEDISH AID WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES FELT NEEDS AND WILL NOT BE LINKED WITH OTHER BILATERAL OR MULTI-LATERAL PROBLEMS.

3. THE MFA OFFICIALS WERE QUICK TO ADD THAT SWEDEN HAS IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERNS TO THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT. NORMAN STATES THAT HE PLANS ON DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN AT THE PARIS MEETING. WETTERBERG STATES THAT ADDITIONAL SWEDISH AID TO UNFDAC EARMARKED FOR PAKISTAN WILL BE DEPENDENT ON PAKISTANI PERFORMANCE IN THIS AREA AND THAT SWEDEN WILL MAKE THIS CLEAR TO THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT: SWEDEN IS WITH US IN HEART BUT IT IS NOT WILLING TO SACRIFICE ITS PRINCIPLES ON THIS QUESTION. IT IS UNWILLING TO TELL THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT IN ANY KIND OF FORMAL STATEMENT THAT CONTINUED SWEDISH BILATERAL AID IS DEPENDENT ON BETTER PERFORMANCE IN THE NARCOTICS AREA.
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